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In re Application of

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

In response to the Final Action dated December 17, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Claims 2-13 are all of the claims currently pending in the application. Claims 1, 14, and 15 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 2 and 4-11 are independent.

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Re: Enclosed After-Final Amendment  
 U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/928,663  
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Dear Examiner Leung:

We herewith enclose a copy of the After-Final Amendment filed via facsimile on February 12, 2004.

Thank you in advance for your consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,

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